MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps taken by Government so far?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: An estimate is being awaited.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps taken by Government for formally opening the building before the completion of the in-patient ward?

MR C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: Government have not called for any proposal in that respect but it is hoped that the department will take the necessary steps as early as possible.

Books for use in rural libraries.

158. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the book named "Thirunal Kazhcha" (തിരുനാൾ കാഴ്ച) by Vidwan Mr. V. Varkey, teacher, M. M. School, Thidanad (തിടനാട്), was included in the selection list of books for use in rural libraries;

(*b*) whether page 104 of this book contained any objectionable passage;

(*c*) who was responsible for the inclusion of this book in the selection list of books for use in rural libraries; and

(*d*) whether Government have taken any action on this matter and, if so, what?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

A book published by the State Transport Department.

159. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the book named "ശ്രീമതിയും ഗോവർദ്ധനും" published by the Travancore State Transport Department, has been prescribed as a text book for any class or form in Malayalam or English Schools in the State?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Appointments in the Travancore University.

160. * MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of appointments made in the Travancore University during the period of the last two years (up to Kanni 1117) in the following grades:—

(i) appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 25 or above; and

(ii) appointments carrying a salary below Rs. 25?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: The *statement asked for is laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendix II, P. 343

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